Prime Minister requesting that an IIT be sanctioned for Orissa State, to meet the needs of rapid industrial growth in the State; and

(e) if so, the status thereof, indicating the time-frame within which it would be sanctioned and set up in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Chief Minister of Orissa has written to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for establishment of a Greenfield IIT in Orissa and for upgradation of the extension campus of IIT-Kharagpur at Bhubaneswar. The Government of India has decided to set up three new IITs in the States of Rajasthan, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, the question of shifting an IIT from Orissa to other State does not arise.

KGBVs in the country

10. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas fully operational in the country as on 31st December, 2006;

(b) how many KGBVs have been specifically set up in blocks having predominance of Muslim population; and

(c) whether in the light of findings of the Sachar Committee, more KGBVs are being planned in minority dominated areas and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) 966 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been made operational in the country till 31.12.06. 388 KGBVs have been sanctioned in blocks with concentration of Muslim population.

Amount required for construction of schools

†11. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 277 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th December, 2006 and state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.